

REMARKS

In the Final Office Action, claims 51 and 52 were indicated to be allowed, claims 35, 41, 44 and 46 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and the rest of the pending claims remained rejected.

The above amendments essentially cancel all but the allowable subject matter. Claim 24 has been amended to contain the features of allowable claim 35. New claims 54-67 depend from allowed claim 51 or 52 and recite features of previously presented dependent claims. Allowable claim 41 has been rewritten as new independent claim 68, with new claims 69-73 depending from claim 68 and reciting features of previously presented dependent claims. Care has been taken to not present any duplicate claims. It is believed that the subject matter of allowable claims 44 and 46 is subsumed within allowed claims 51 and 52, respectively. Claims 35, 50 and 53 are canceled.

After the above amendments, claims 24-26, 28, 29, 31, 37-49, 51, 52 and 54-73 are presented for confirmation of allowability.

The above amendments are believed to overcome the rejection of claims 24-26, 28-29, 31, 37-40, 42-43, 45, 47, 49-50 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Blaustein, and the rejection of claim 48 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Blaustein in view of Driesen.

All excess claim fees are being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply all charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 02894-0712US1.

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